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1. BEGIN LOU. SOHYO HOKKAIDO CHAPTER PRESIDENT TAMURA TOLD LABATT JULY 1 THAT, IN ADDITION TO GENERAL THEMES OF INTEREST OUTLINED IN REF B, HE HAD THREE TASKS TO ACCOMPLISH ON HIS FIRST VISIT TO UNITED STATES: (1) ASCERTAIN WHETHER THERE IS WESTERN E.E. ICFTU ORIENTED) TRADE SECRETARIAT FOR FORESTRY AND WOODWORKING UNIONS AND WHETHER ANY U.S. UNIONS BELONG TO IT: (2) GATHER LATEST INFORMATION ON USG AND PRIVATE RESEARCH ON WHITE WAX DISEASE, MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD FACING JAPANESE CHAIN SAW OPERATORS: (3) OBTAIN INFORMATION ON WHETHER WORKERS IN STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PARKS AND FORESTS HAVE RIGHT TO STRIKE. TAMURA INDICATED THAT HE HOPES TO LEAD 55,000 MEMBER NATIONAL FORESTRY WORKERS UNION (ZENRINYA) WHICH HE FORMERLY HEADED AND WHICH HERETOFORE HAS HAD EXCHANGES ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY WITH SOVIET BLOC AND WFTU-AFFILIATED UNIONS, INTO CLOSER CONTACT WITH ICFTU AFFILIATES BUT THAT HE COULD DO SO ONLY IF HE CAN DEMONSTRATE DRAMATICALLY COMMUNITY OF INTEREST BETWEEN JAPANESE FORESTRY WORKERS AND THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN NON-COMMUNIST UNIONS OF WEST.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT TAMURA HAS ACCEPTED IV GRANT OVER STRONG OBJECTIONS OF COMMUNIST DOMINATED UNIONS IN SOHYO HOKKAIDO CHAPTER AND THAT SOHYO SEC GEN OHKI
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AWARE OF INVITATION AND HAS INTERPOSED NO OBJECTIONS.

WE BELIEVE TAMURA VISIT MADE POSSIBLE BY SUCCESS OF
SOCIALIST PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN EDA'S MISSION TO U.S.
LAST FALL. WHILE IT NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER OTHER SOHYO
LEADERS WILL FOLLOW TAMURZA IN ACCEPTING USG INVITATION,
SUCCESSFUL TAMURA VISIT MAY WELL ENABLE US TO EXPAND
CONTACTS WITH OTHER SOHYO AFFILIATES. END LOU.

3. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: IN VIEW SPECIFIC REQUESTS MADE
BY TAMURA PARA 1, WE SUGGEST SCHEDULING ADDITIONAL
VISITS TO NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY
AND HEALTH,AS WELL AS TO AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE,
COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT
OFFICERS OF INTERNATIONAL WOODWORKDERS UNION BE PREPARED
TO DISCUSS THEIR INTERNATIONAL TRADE SECRETARIAT
AFFILIATION, IF ANY, WITH TAMURA.
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